

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: ORTHOPEDIC ARM AND SHOULDER
BRACE

Examiner: Shumaya B. Ali

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 13, 2004

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated December 13, 2004, the applicants elect, with traverse, specie 1, and subspecie 1(b).

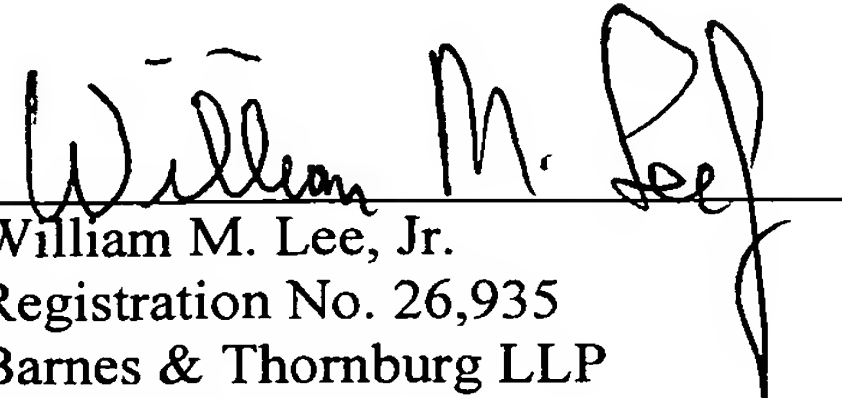
As the Examiner has noted, claims 1-3, 11 and 18 are generic, and with regard to subspecie 1(b), claims 1-3, 5, 11, 12 and 18 read thereon.

With regard to the requirement for election, however, reconsideration is requested. The embodiment shown in figures 6 and 10 is essentially the same as the embodiment of figure 4, except that in figures 6 and 10 a flexible housing is explicitly shown. Figures 6 and 10 refer to a system having actuators, with the actuators being indicated in figure 6 by the piston in the motor unit 8. Thus, in addition to the claims above, claims 4, 6, 8-10 and 14-17 are readable thereon, and reconsideration of the requirement is urged.

Further action on the application is awaited. As this response is being sent during the second month following the requirement, an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is also submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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